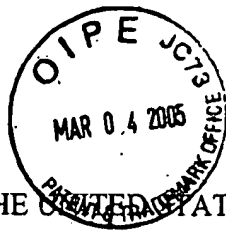


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In response to the Official Action of January 19, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on April 19, 2005, with the present Response being filed by the two-month due date of March 21, 2005 (March 19, 2005 being a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection together with an indication of the allowability of all the claims in the present application in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

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